GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Plastic Eggs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the reports that plastic eggs are being sold in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted tests on samples collected;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) Reports of plastic eggs have come to the notice of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) through various platforms. Consequently, FSSAI has asked Commissioners of Food Safety of all States / Union Territories to ensure that there is no production / distribution of fake/artificial eggs and urged them to take up strict enforcement activities. However, no specific instance of presence of fake eggs in any part of the country has been received.

(b) to (d) Random sampling and testing of all types of food products is done by the officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/ UTs to check compliance of the standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations made thereunder. In cases where the food samples are found to be non-conforming, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006.
Based on current information as per Annual Public Laboratory Testing Report given by FSSAI for the year 2016-2017, details of food samples, including eggs, collected, analysed, found non-conforming, and action taken during the year 2016-17 is as follows:

Total No. of samples received No. of Samples Analysed No. of Samples found adulterated and Misbranded No. of Cases Launched No. of Convictions/ Penalties
Criminal Civil Convictions Penalties/
Amount raised in Rupees
39284 37934 6239 471 3861 288 984/ Rs.4,48,28,091